

A PERSONAL NOTE: Karen and I hope you all have a nice holiday season and that 1982 will be at least as good as 1981

CONVENTION 1981: To receive the audio portion of the convention, send 4 1200' reels or 2 2400' reels to Joe Webb, Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542. The audio portion takes 2400'...To receive the video portion send 2 T-120 video cassettes (VHS) to Ken Piletic, 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103. One will be returned...Some excerpts of letters received by several personalities follow:

If I'd had you folks around when I was researching, I could have knocked off a year's digging through musty old books and scripts. Most heartening of all is the knowledge that so many OTR fans are utilizing the research Frank Buxton and I did. (Bill Owen)

Your zeal and time in keeping alive memories of a great period in show business is a tribute to the founders and those who made it the exciting contribution to Americana that it was. Perhaps it can never again be reborn as it was - but if it even comes partially alive in drama again - it will be because of those like you who treasure its place in our history. (Lon Clark)

It was such a joy to see old friends and reminisce. And such a good feeling to know that so many "Friends of Old Time Radio" are still so interested in the Golden Age. There was a lot of love spread around last Saturday. Thank you so much for letting me share it. (Nancy Douglass)

It was such fun seeing old friends again-especially Nancy Douglass. We go back to when we were kids in Chicago radio and it was so great to talk over old times. (Fran Carlon)

CONVENTION 1982: Consideration is being given to holding the next convention in the Newark area...Dick Osgood, author of WYXIE is considering being a part of our next convention...Florence Williams (Marshall) lives in Camden, ME. We will try to have her as one of our guests.

IN FOND MEMORY: Margaret Sangster, Oct 23, 90; radio script writer (MY TRUE STORY, JOYCE JORDAN)...Linda Keene, Oct 23, 64; singer with Red Norvo and Red Nichols...Georges Brassens, Oct 30, 60; French songwriter-singer...Frank DeKova, Oct 19, 71; veteran char. actor (TV-F TROUP, UNTOUCHABLES)...Louis Metcalf, Oct 27, 76; trumpeter with Duke Ellington...John Warburton, Oct 27, 78; stage and screen actor...Chief Dan George, Sep 23, 82; Canadian Indian who portrayed Indian in films...Will Durant, Nov 7, 96; Pulitzer Prize historian...Chick Floyd, Oct 31, 76; pianist and bandleader...Lee Little, Aug 27, 79; prod. of PROFESSOR QUIZ on radio...Bob Eberly, Dec 17, 65; well-known singer, best known with Jimmy Dorsey (Green Eyes, Tangerine)...William Holden, Nov 10, 63; well-known actor...Enid Markley, Nov 15, 91; actress; Radio (WOMAN OF COURAGE) TV(BRINGING UP BUD-DY)...Robert Standish, Nov 6, 83; author (Elephant Walk)...Harry Von Zell, Nov 21, 75; one of radio's greatest announcers; with BURNS & ALLEN radio and tv shows...Art Hanna, Nov 17, 75; Art, a radio and tv director, was a friend of many of us. He attended the 1979 and latest convention. Art was very sociable and will be missed...Jack Albertson, Nov 25, 74; actor and dancer; Jack was best known for role on CHICO AND THE MAN; was on Milton Berle radio show. Winner of Oscar, Tony, Emmy...Lotte Lenya, Nov 27, 83; star of THREE PENNY OPERA and husband of Kurt Weill...Arthur Gershwin, Nov 20, 81; composer and brother of George...Natalie Wood, Nov 29, 43; well-known actress...Lew Lansworth, Nov 14, 77; radio writer and novelist.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: RETURN WITH US NOW; Nov; article on O Welles on radio...KASTLEUSICK, Nov; article on Quincy Jones. Richard Gesner has a regular column, If you want any information on or want to buy vintage records, write Rick



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at 8 Belmont St, Lowell, Ma 01851. Also send SASE when you write to people for information.

BOOKS: WYXIE WONDERLAND by Dick Osgood just released by Popular Press, Bowling Green State Univ., Bowling Green, Oh 43403 for \$12.95 (paper) \$29.95 (cloth). This 530-page book is filled with information, not only about WXYZ in Detroit but about radio in general. Fully indexed this 50-year study (1925-75) is great reading and very informative....JUKEBOX; THE GOLDEN AGE by Vincent Lynch and Bill Henkin; Lancaster Miller, Berkeley, Cal; \$12.95; 110pp. Focuses on jukebox age of 1938-48...ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN MUSIC by Edward Jablonski; Doubleday, 629 pp; \$24.95; 7 sections of classical and popular works and those who played and sang them.

MUSIC: On Nov 16 at the Sportsman Lodge in Studio City, Cal, many big-band singers had a reunion. They included Jo Stafford, Bee Wain, Yvonne King, Martha Tilton, Jack Leonard, Art Lund...Danny Stiles has been playing vintage music on radio for 12 years. He can now be heard on WVNJ-am in Newark, NJ from 10am - 3pm ...According to Variety (Dec 2) the jukebox business is in a fatal decline due to rapid increases of singles, conservative release policies and strange shipping practices.

NEW SHOWS: A comprehensive day-to-day collection of CBS radio newscasts in World War II is now available to researchers through the National Archives and Records Service in Washington. The collection is a gift from the Univ. of Wash., Seattle. Titled the Milo Ryan Phonoarchive, after the university's communications professor who set it up, the collection documents the war from the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939 through V-J Day in 1945. Commentators on the 3500 original glass recordings include Elmer Davis, Edward R Murrow, Charles Collingwood, Douglas Edwards, John Charles Daly, Eric Sevareid, Quenton Reynolds, William Shirer and Daniel Schorr. In addition to the glass disks, the archives consist of 5000 tape recordings of the disks and descriptive material. After persuading KIRO-AM in Seattle, a CBS affiliate to donate the material, Ryan augmented it over the years with other relevant programming material up to 1972. The original disks are now being kept at the Nat. Archives' regional facilities in Seattle. The remainder of the collection is housed in the Nat. Archives building in Washington by the Audiovisual Archives Division. Phone # (202) 523-3267.

LOGS: The complete log of THE GREEN LAMA 6/5-8/20/49 can be obtained for a SASE from Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Roy Brown, 714 14th Av, Munhall, Pa 15120... Bill Bales, WC, WTCB-62, H. Co. S-3, FPO, NY 09501.

Old Friends: Thomas Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn Pk, Chestnut Hill, Ma 02167 wants OUR MISS BROOKS "New French Teacher," "Lisbon Antigua" by Nelson Riddle; Boswell Sisters material; audio tracks and VHS vintage tv shows...Dave Carter, 3131 Ellenwood Dr, Fairfax, Va 22031 wants 45's-rock and roll and country and western-for his jukebox...Cort Parent Jr, Crompond Rd RFD 4, Peekskill, NY 10566 wants copy of NBC network A HALLOWEEN STORY and WAR OF THE WORLDS broadcast Oct 31st...Max Salathiel, 4712 Spiva Dr, Del City, Ok 73115 wants video cassettes with movies with radio stars such as F McGee, G Gildersleeve...Fred Nicholas, 354 S Pier Rd #108, Narragansett, RI 02882 wants ROXY & HIS GANG. (I am unaware of any shows available)...Richard Odlin, Box 279, Tacoma, Wa 98401 wants copy of Pres. Reagan's press conference 11/10/81 on cassette...Max Clere, 9 Bayberry Dr, Sharon, Ma 02067 wants Joni James recordings...Fritz Ritterspach, 6515 Jackson Dr, San Diego, Cal 92119 wants BOSTON BLACKIE with Chester Morris (radio); WHISTLER "Brief Pause;" J BETTY 1/4/48 Rose Bowl...Dale Hilk, 424 E st 1st St, Waconia, Minn 55387 wants 15-minute episodes of SKY KING from 10/27/46 to spring of 47 with Dr. Shade; also Amer. version of FAT MAN...Milton Pressley, 412 Redbud, Oxford, Ms 38655 (phone) 601-234-8863 is selling the following: 1. Brand

new CR83D AKAI 8-track deck, records and plays. still in box with warranty; AKAI's very best; lists for way over \$200. First \$95 gets it...2. SLEAKERS. Minimax type. Fantastic stereo sound with superb bass from these  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inch speakers. Enclosed in heavy black, cast aluminum, these Marume brand monitors produce sound equal to many speakers up to 10 times their size. The pair is \$58...3. CASSETTE STORAGE RACKS: Walnut, wall hung type-hold 48 cassettes in or out of their storage boxes. Cost over \$23 each. Selling for only \$12.50 each...4. BLANK TAPE: 60-min. 8-tracks. hard to find. New, only \$1.25 each...Open reel: 1200'/ \$1.25 or 1800'/ \$1.75 or 2400'/ \$2.25. Prices include individual boxes. Open reel tape is surplus tape. Minimum order for tape: \$10.00. Must include \$2.00 per order for shipping.

Bill Cappello, 445 Gramatan Av, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552 wants any information on Lucille Wall of FORTIA FACES LIFE.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: James Cagney was included in a Nov 13th CBS Radio special THE RETURN OF CAGNEY. Others saluting Cagney were F Astaire, J Lemmon, F O'Brien, J Travolta...NPR in NY (WNYC-AM) runs SPERLOCK HOLMES (Hobbs/Shelley) Mon at 10:30pm; NIGHTFALL (CBC horror) Fri. 10:30pm...A 26-part series of Hour-X long weekly dramatizations of 18 classic and contemporary works now on WNCN in Chicago at 10pm on Sundays...On Christmas Day 4-6:30pm on WBAI-FM 99.5 in NYC, Max Schmid and Jack Shugg will present a Christmas special featuring several old-time Christmas shows and surprises...Arthur Lake was recently honored at a PPB luncheon. Penny Singleton was unable to attend...Benjamin Hooks, former FCC Commissioner and now Exec. Dir. of NAACP used to find AMOS & ANDY amusing. Now he has accepted the conventional wisdom that the show represented the worst stereotyping of blacks...Because of the success of A HALLOWEEN STORY, NBC Radio is considering broadcasting live drama weekly.

LATE MAIL: Al "Jazzbo" Collins is back in NY on WNEW-AM during early morning hours...Ray Nemec, 1424 Heatherton Dr, Naperville, Ill 60540 wants RADIO GUIDES with WDZ (Tuscola, Ill) listed (Oct-Nov/39; Jan-Mar/40; Jul-Sep/40. Ray is a baseball researcher and statistician and knows quite a bit about radio personalities in the Chicago area...Jed Dolnick, still on the air (SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY) on WYMS-FM on Mon; 9am and Wed; 7pm in the West Bend, Wisc. area

Have a happy holiday.

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs

Jay Hickerson, Box G, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261; 248-2887 \$6